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QABR AS SITE HELIPORT, SYRIA (SWN)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: HIP E/F AND HIP H HELICOPTERS WERE IDENTIFIED IN SYRIA FOR THE FIRST TIME (SWN)

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2. REMARKS: TEN ARMED HIP H (MI-17) AND TWO, PROBABLY THREE, HIP E/F (MI-8) HELICOPTERS WERE IDENTIFIED AT QABR AS SITE HELIPORT 3.5 NM SOUTHEAST OF DAMASCUS. A TOTAL OF 27 HIP HELICOPTERS WERE PRESENT. THE REMAINING 14 HELICOPTERS WERE THE HIP C VARIANT WHICH ARE NORMALLY SEEN HERE. (SWN)

ANALYST'S COMMENTS -- THE ARMED HIP H HAS A MORE POWERFUL ENGINE THAN THE HIP C WHICH PROVIDES IT WITH A GREATER LOAD CARRYING IT MAY BE ARMED WITH THREE 57MM ROCKET PODS AND CAPABILITY. ANTITANK GUIDED MISSILES, EITHER TWO SWATTER OR THREE SAGGER, A DISTINGUISHING FEATURE OF THIS HELICOPTER IS THE PORT-MOUNTED TAIL ROTOR. THE HIP E IS ARMED WITH THREE 57MM ROCKET PODS AND TWO SWATTER RAILS PER SIDE. LIKE THE HIP C. ITS TAIL ROTOR IS STARBOARD MOUNTED. THE HIP F IS ARMED WITH THREE 57MM ROCKET PODS AND THREE SAGGER RAILS PER SIDE. THE HIP C, WHEN ALSO HAS A STARBOARD-MOUNTED TAIL ROTOR. ARMED, HAS ONLY TWO 57MM ROCKET PODS PER SIDE AND NO ANTITANK SINCE IT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED FROM MISSILE RAILS. AVAILABLE IMAGERY IF THE HIP WITH THREE 57MM ROCKET PODS HAD SAGGER OR SWATTER MISSILE RAILS, IT WAS NOT CLEAR IF THEY WERE E OR F VARIANTS. (SWN)

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